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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 09 May 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-15 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 30 October 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Current Status:

1. This Office Action is in response to the amendment filed 05/09/06. Claims 1-15 are pending, claims 16-20 are canceled.

Response to Arguments

2. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-15 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

1. **Claims 1-15** are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Huang et al. (hereinafter "Huang"; U.S. Patent Application Publication number 2003/0032395 A21 in view of Chu-Chia et al. (hereinafter "Chu-Chia"; U.S. Patent Application Publication 2002/0142799 A1).

Regarding **claim 1**, with reference to figures 1a, 1b and descriptions (paragraphs [0022] – [0024]), Huang discloses a command input device (figure 1a, keyboard 3), and a portable communication apparatus (figure 1a, PDA 2), comprising:

a signal connector detachably plugged to a socket of said portable communication apparatus (figure 1a, [0023]); and

a command generator electrically connected to said signal connector (figures 1a, 1b, keyboard 3) and obviously keyboard 3 does not have any wireless transmission module.

However, Huang does not explicitly disclose that the system is for use with a digital data processing system and asserting a command signal to said digital data processing system via local wireless transmission modules of said portable communication apparatus and said digital data processing system.

In an analogous art, Chu-Chia discloses a Personal Digital Assistant for connecting with a communications module (abstract). Chu-Chia further discloses that the PDA can be used to communicate with other digital data processing system such as PC or PDA (via a wireless connection (paragraph [0034])).

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art, at the time the invention was made to incorporate the wireless connection as taught by Chu-Chia, to the system of Ha. The motivation for doing so would be to provide wireless link communication and freedom from wires.

Regarding **claim 2**, Chu-Chia further discloses that the local wireless transmission modules of said portable communication apparatus and said digital data processing system are bluetooth transmitters (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding **claim 4**, Huang further disclose that the command generator is a keyboard module (figures 1a, 1b).

Regarding **claim 6**, Chu-Chia further discloses that said digital data processing system is one of a personal computer (paragraph [0035]).

Regarding **claim 7**, Huang further disclose said portable communication apparatus is a personal digital assistant (figures 1a, 1b, PDA 2, [0004], [0022]).

Regarding **claims 3 and 5**, the combination of Huang and Chu-Chia discloses the invention but does not explicitly disclose that the command generator obtains electrical power from said portable communication apparatus via said signal connector nor the signal connector is a universal serial bus (USB) connector.

However, universal serial bus (USB) connector are well known and widely used standard for its capability of not only providing a connection but also supplying power to the peripheral devices and the Examiner takes Official notice of such popular connector. The motivation for using an USB connector is to adhere to a standard and also supplying power to the connected devices.

Regarding **claims 8-10, 13, 15**, these claims merely reflect the system claims as opposed to the apparatus claim of claims 1-2, 7, 5, 4 (respectively) and are therefore rejected for the same reasons.

Regarding **claim 11**, Huang further discloses that command input device is combined with said portable communication apparatus via a signal connector (figures 1a, 1b, connectors are inherent).

Regarding **claim 12**, this claim merely reflects the system claims as opposed to the apparatus claim of claim 3 and is therefore rejected for the same reasons.

Regarding **claim 14**, the combination of Huang and Chu-Chia discloses the invention including the integration of a keyboard for use with a PDA but does not explicitly disclose that said command input device is disposed on the housing with said portable communication apparatus. However, it would have been obvious and well within the level of an ordinary skill in the art to combine both the key control with the portable communication apparatus for the obvious reason of having a single unit that is not likely to be separated for the convenience of the user.

CONCLUSION

Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not

mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Sonny TRINH whose telephone number is 571-272-7927. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Ed URBAN can be reached on 571-272-7899. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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